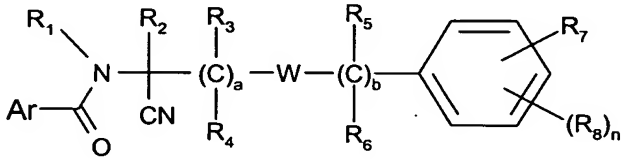
Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) ~~the formula~~



I,

in which

R_1 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl, cyano-C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxymethyl or benzyl;

R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 are either, independently of one another, hydrogen, halogen, unsubstituted or mono- or polyhalogenated C_1-C_6alkyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polyhalogenated C_2-C_6alkenyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polyhalogenated C_2-C_6alkynyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted C_1-C_6alkoxy, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted halo-C_1-C_6alkoxy, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted C_3-C_6cycloalkyl, in which the substituents in each case can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_6alkyl; or unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenyl, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6alkylamino or di-C_1-C_6alkylamino;

or R_2 and R_3 are together C_2-C_6alkylene;

either

R_7 is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted C_3-C_6cycloalkoxy, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted C_3-C_6cycloalkylthio, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted (C_3-C_6cycloalkyl)(R_9)N, in which the substituents in each case are chosen from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_6alkyl; hetaryl or hetaryloxy;

and

R_8 is halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_2-C_6alkenyl, halo-C_2-C_6alkenyl, C_2-C_6alkynyl, C_3-C_6cycloalkyl, C_2-C_6alkenyloxy, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyloxy, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfonyloxy, C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfonyl, C_2-C_6alkenylthio, halo-C_2-C_6alkenylthio, C_2-C_6alkenylsulfinyl, halo-C_2-C_6alkenylsulfinyl, C_2-C_6alkenylsulfonyl, halo-C_2-C_6alkenylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6alkylamino, di-C_1-C_6alkylamino, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonylamino, halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfonylamino, C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C_1-C_6alkylaminocarbonyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylamino,

unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylcarbonyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylmethoxyimino; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylhydroxymethyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted 1-phenyl-1-hydroxyethyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylchloromethyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylcyanomethyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenyl, in which the substituents in each case can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl and halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenoxy, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl and halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylacetylenyl, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl and halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl; or unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted pyridyloxy, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl, C_1-C_6alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6alkoxy, C_1-C_6alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6alkylthio, C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl and halo-C_1-C_6alkylsulfonyl;

or R_7 and R_8 are together C_3-C_5alkylene;

Ar is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted hetaryl, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted naphthyl or unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted quinolyl, in which in each case the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of R_7 and R_8;

R_9 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl, allyl, C_1-C_6alkoxymethyl or -C(O)R_{10};

R_{10} is C_1-C_6alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6alkyl or C_1-C_6alkoxymethyl;

W is O, S, S(O_2) or N(R_{11});

R_{11} is hydrogen or C_1-C_6alkyl;

a is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

b is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

n is 0, 1 or 2,

in which, if R_7 is hetaryloxy, the hetaryl group in R_7 is other than pyridyl.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound of the formula I according to claim 1, in which
R_7 is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted C_3-C_6cycloalkoxy, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted C_3-C_6cycloalkylthio or unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted (C_3-C_6cycloalkyl)(R_9)N, in which the substituents in each case are chosen from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_6alkyl.

Claim 3. (Original) A compound of the formula I according to claim 1, in which
R_1 is hydrogen, C_1-C_4alkyl or halo-C_1-C_4alkyl;
R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 are, independently of one another, hydrogen, unsubstituted or mono- or polyhalogenated C_1-C_6alkyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polyhalogenated C_2-C_6alkenyl or unsubstituted or mono- or polyhalogenated C_2-C_6alkynyl;

R_7 is unsubstituted C_3-C_6cycloalkoxy, unsubstituted C_3-C_6cycloalkylthio or unsubstituted (C_3-C_6cycloalkyl)(R_9)N;
R_8 is halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_2-C_4alkenyl, halo-C_2-C_4alkenyl, C_2-C_4alkynyl, C_3-C_5cycloalkyl, C_2-C_4alkenyloxy, halo-C_2-C_4alkenyloxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_4alkylthio, C_2-C_4alkenylthio, halo-C_2-C_4alkenylthio, C_1-C_4alkylamino, di-C_1-C_4alkylamino, C_1-C_4alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_4alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_4alkoxycarbonyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylamino, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenylcarbonyl; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenyl, in which the substituents in each case can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio and halo-C_1-C_4alkylthio; unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenoxy, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio and halo-C_1-C_4alkylthio; or unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted pyridyloxy, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio and halo-C_1-C_4alkylthio;

Ar is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenyl or unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted hetaryl, in which in each case the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of R_7 and R_8;

R_9 is hydrogen, C_1-C_6alkyl or halo-C_1-C_6alkyl;

W is O, S or N(R_{11});

R_{11} is hydrogen or C_1-C_4alkyl;
a is 1, 2 or 3;

b is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

Claim 4. (Original) A compound of the formula I according to claim 1, in which
R_1 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4alkyl;
R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 are, independently of one another, hydrogen or unsubstituted or mono- or polyhalogenated C_1-C_6alkyl;

R_7 is unsubstituted C_3-C_5cycloalkoxy or unsubstituted (C_3-C_5cycloalkyl)(R_9)N;
R_8 is halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_3-C_5cycloalkyl, C_1-C_4alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_4alkoxycarbonyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenyl, in which the substituents in each case can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_4alkoxy; or unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenoxy, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4alkyl, C_1-C_4alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4alkoxy, C_1-C_4alkylthio and halo-C_1-C_4alkylthio;

Ar is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted phenyl, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from R_7 and R_8;

R_9 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4alkyl;
W is O or S;
a is 1 or 2;

b is 0 or 1; and
n is 1 or 2.

Claim 5. (Original) A compound of the formula I according to claim 1, in which
R_1 is hydrogen;

R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 are, independently of one another, hydrogen or unsubstituted C_1-C_4alkyl;

R_7 is unsubstituted C_3-C_4cycloalkoxy or unsubstituted (C_3-C_4cycloalkyl)(R_9)N;
R_8 is halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_2alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2alkyl, C_1-C_2alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_2alkoxy, C_3-C_4cycloalkyl, C_1-C_2alkylcarbonyl or C_1-C_2alkoxycarbonyl;

Ar is mono- or polysubstituted phenyl, in which the substituents can be independent of one another and are chosen from R_8;

R_9 is hydrogen or C_1-C_2alkyl;
W is O;

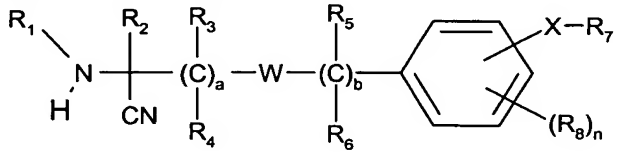
R_{11} is methyl;
a is 1;

b is 0; and

n is 2.

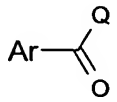
Claim 6. (Original) A compound of the formula I according to claim 1, with the name N-[2-[2-cyano-1-[2-(cyclopropylmethylamino)-4,5-difluorophenoxy]propyl]-4-trifluoromethoxybenzamide.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A ~~process~~ method for the preparation of a compound of the formula I, in each case in the free form or in the salt form, according to claim 1, which comprises the reaction of a compound of the formula (II)



II,

which is known or can be prepared by analogy to relevant known compounds and in which R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8, X, W, a, b and n are as defined above in the formula I, with a compound of the formula (III)



III,

which is known or can be prepared by analogy to relevant known compounds and in which Ar is as defined above in the formula I and Q is a leaving group, if desired in the presence of a basic catalyst, and in each case, if desired, the conversion of a compound of the formula I obtainable according to the process or in another way, in each case in the free form or in the salt form, to another compound of the formula I, the separation of a mixture of isomers obtainable according to the process and the isolation of the desired isomer and/or the conversion of a free compound of the formula I obtainable according to the process to a salt or the conversion of a salt of a compound of the formula I obtainable according to the process to the free compound of the formula I or to another salt.

Claim 8. A composition for controlling parasites, which comprises, in addition to carriers and/or dispersants, at least one compound of the formula I according to claim 1 as active ingredient.

Claim 9. (Cancelled)

Claim 10. A method for controlling parasites, which comprises the use, against the parasites, of an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula I according to claim 1.

Claim 11 -12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (New) A method for controlling parasites comprising applying to said parasites or its habitat a parasiticidal effective amount of at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1.

Claim 14. (New) The method of Claim 13 wherein said parasiticidal effective amount of said at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1 is administered to an animal host of said parasite.

Claim 15 (New) The method of Claim 14 whereby said at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1 is administered to said animal host topically, perorally, parenterally, or subcutaneously.

Claim 16. (New) The method of Claim 13 whereby said compound is in a formulation consisting of the group of pour-on, spot-on, tablet, chewie, powder, boli, capsules, suspension, emulsion, solution, injectable, water-additive, and food-additive.

Claim 17. (New) The method of Claim 13 wherein said parasites are endo-parasites.

Claim 18. (New) The method of Claim 17 wherein said parasites are helminthes.

Claim 19. (New) A method of treating an animal for parasites comprising administering to said animal in need of treatment thereof a parasiticidal effective amount of the composition of Claim 8.

Claim 20. (New) The method of Claim 19 wherein said administration to said animal is topically, perorally, parenterally, or subcutaneously.

Claim 21. (New) The method of Claim 19 wherein said composition of Claim 8 is in a formulation consisting of the group of pour-on, spot-on, tablet, chewie, powder, boli, capsules, suspension, emulsion, solution, injectable, water-additive, and food-additive.

Claim 22. (New) The method of Claim 19 wherein said parasites are endo-parasites.

Claim 23. (New) The method of Claim 19 wherein said parasites are helminthes.